

NEGRO QUESTION

Discussed at Race Problem Convention by Ex-Gov. MacCorkle

RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO GOVERN

Through its Own Suffrage Has Shown as the Glory of Heaven—South Will Ultimately be Insistent That the Colored Vote be Counted.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 9.—At the "Race Problem Convention" to-day, ex-Governor MacCorkle, of West Virginia, spoke about "The Negro and the Intelligence and Property Franchise." He said in part:

"Never before did modern civilization have such deep and abiding interest in the ultimate action of a portion of its elements as it has now in the action of the people of the south.

"I shall not attempt to discuss the minor and infinitely various details of this important question. I shall rather briefly, and in my humble way, found my argument upon the basic principles, and not waste your time in assaulting the outworks of the citadel.

"Every historic state is underlain by a fundamental principle, from which it breathes its life and through which it has its life existence. Each of our colonies had its peculiar idea of government, but after they were bound in one glorious, shining union of states, that great principle of civil philosophy, the right of the people to govern through its own suffrage, shone as the glory of heaven.

"Therefore, I assert that the constitutional exercise of the right of franchise is the vital and underlying principle of the life of this free people, and that the infraction of this principle is surely attended with ultimate ruin to our system of republican government. Needs Expression to Receive Assent.

"Sir, this is fundamental, and, in this splendid presence, it but needs expression to receive assent. Stripped of every covering, it is but the announcement of the right of the people to choose their servants, indicate their policy and live under the laws they themselves have created. When you depart from this principle, you forsake the underlying principle of national government; and when this is done, surely you drop out of the nations of which exercise an abiding power upon civilization.

"The infraction of the right of franchise, the impairment of the constitutional right of the citizen to exercise the franchise in South Carolina, or Alabama, provide the desire and willingness to commit the same wrong in the populous city of New York or in Pennsylvania. The passing of enactments in Montgomery or Charleston, interfering with or restricting the franchise against the spirit of the constitution and its amendments, provokes the terror of the Force Bill in the national house and senate.

"Men desiring to grasp unconstitutional power heed little the cry of a people that any infraction of that great instrument by them was caused by the overweening necessity of preserving their civilization from destruction.

"Now, sir, the Fifteenth amendment to the constitution, that the right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude, is as much a part and parcel of the organic law governing this country as any section of the constitution. His privilege of franchise is as sacred as ours and should be as sacredly guarded. This is the only principle which should animate the life of a free republic and upon which its continued existence can be predicated. I challenge any transgression whatsoever without ultimate and grievous hurt to the constitution, and as grave injury to the white man as to the black.

Old South Being Resurrected.

"To-day the old south is being resurrected in a new form and exceeding glory. New people are clasping our hands, and, as bone of our bone, we are bidding them welcome to the dear land. Millions of dollars start the music of the machine and the engine. Mills are distilling their cloudy incense over our increasing fields.

"The first demand of this industrial regeneration is the absolute settlement of political complexities. Its demand is even now insistent, and we cannot, if we would, longer deny its potential request. The state which does so delay will not march abreast of its fellows in the industrial progress. This demand is as absolute and certain as any condition which ever touched a commercial and industrial existence. Then arises the crucial question, how can we remove our political complexities, give the negro his franchise and preserve the constitution and at the same time not imperil our civilization? I reply that it seems to me by far the best to adopt an honest and inflexible educational and property basis administered fairly for black and white.

"It appeals to the elements most needed in good citizenship. It will cultivate the desire for the acquisition of property and of education; and whilst attaining these two great ends of good government it will accomplish the immediate purpose for which we are striving, the settlement and composing of our anomalous system of franchises.

"There is no shadow of suspicion that this fair franchise amendment will again give the negroes control of the south. Day by day, even the spectre of such contention disappears before the industrial growth of the south.

Restriction of Suffrage.

"Let us appeal to the figures. The three states of the south in which the negro element is in greatest strength are South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana. If the suffrage were restricted to those owning their farms or their homes, the whites of the south would outnumber the colored two to one, of Mississippi nearly four to one, and of Louisiana three and one-half to one. If the suffrage be restricted to the literate, the whites of South Carolina would outnumber the colored two to one, those of Mississippi more than two to one, and those of Louisiana more than three to one.

"In this day of industrial and financial change, the south, in the adjustment of the commercial affairs in the next twenty-five years, will be the chief factor. We can no longer devote ourselves to the one and sole idea of holding ourselves solid on the negro question. Believing in the southern leaders and trusting to their guidance in the past, still with the most absolute earnestness I believe that the time for change is upon us. The south has other things to occupy its attention. The great objection to the present system is that it demands our absolute attention and effectiveness to the exclusion of all else.

"How can we proceed on the grand march of industrial progress when our whole attention is absorbed with our inherent political complexities? The tyranny of the solid vote to be maintained on the one question is the most burdensome and exhausting which ever afflicted a people. Let us now cast it off. Delay will not affect the final result.

Another Reason for Haste.

"Again, there is another reason why you should hurry the settlement of this franchise system and convert the negro vote into an intelligent one as quickly as possible. With the exigencies of national life, of the south, will shortly need the negro vote. I look for the south to be as anxious to have the negro vote counted as is the north to-day. The negro vote has heretofore been allied to a political organization, the bulk of whose existence is the north and west. He has been generally opposed to the people among whom he lives. This has arisen for several reasons, that the southern people were the people to whom he belonged as a slave, and for the further reason that he fell into the hands, during reconstruction days, of those who preyed upon his credulity and ignorance and made him believe that the southern people were his enemies. These impressions are rapidly losing their force and a newer and more intelligent class of negroes is taking the place of the old. It is to me as plain as the open day that when the negro is impressed with the idea that the white man of the south will treat him fairly in politics as he does in business, that he will gradually and surely incline to the support of the southern people.

"When a question arises of sectional difference in the way of local policy in this country, as they are sure to arise in the republic's life, you will need the negro vote and most surely you will get it. This condition is arising. It is rapidly coming. The south is no longer a great agricultural section, but it is becoming a great competitor with the north in all the commercial affairs of our national life. You will need every vote you can get to sustain your great commercial politics. The north will surely experience, as we have already experienced, the effects of the solid negro vote. The south, most certainly, will be ultimately insistent that the negro vote be counted. Then let the vote be an intelligent vote and let the question be settled and out of the way, and the negro will be on the way to give us the assistance we shall certainly need.

Premium Placed on Ignorance.

"There is another and higher aspect of this question to be considered. By the ancestral clause in many states you will pull the white man down, and with an educational franchise you push the negro to the highest educational exercise. You place a premium upon the ignorance of the white man of the south.

"The franchise system, as it is at present constituted in many of the states of the south, is to say the least practically the policy of repression. Repression has been tried at every stage of the world's history and always with the same unvarying result, utter and tremendous failure. It leads nowhere. It raises no man. It demands no education. It holds ignorance as dense as ever. It drives away intelligence. It breeds discontent. It represses any rising inspiration of the heart. It leaves the land at the end of the cycle just as it found it at the beginning.

THE HEALTH OF YOUNG WOMEN

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—Miss MARY GOMES, Aptos, Cal., July 31, 1899.

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gining. It is the policy of deadly inaction overridden by discontent.

"Is not this course demanded by the plainest dictates of prudence? Does it not appeal to the most elemental principles of foresight? We have the alternative plainly presented to us. Place the franchise on a fair and wise permanent basis or leave it in its present condition of unrest.

Trying to Close the Gulf.

"Is not the fair settlement of this question in the manner I have indicated far wiser than any attempt to repeal or modify the Fifteenth amendment, which has been so ably pressed by a respected member of this conference? We are striving to close the gulf between two great sections. This demand would again open wide the bitterness of the olden days. It would say to the north, as Abraham of old said to Lot, 'Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me. If thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; but if thou wilt depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.' It would be a backward step. It would be practically a revolution. It would loose from its moorings the crystallized sentiment of a third of a century. It would practically again raise the issues of the war.

"The repeal or modification of the Fifteenth amendment means the practical turning over to the south of the negro question as a local question. Are we able to bear it? Is not the question of the political status of 10,000,000 of a different race, living amidst us, burden sufficient for the whole nation, which can only be settled under the provence of the Almighty, by the earnest, hearty and loving co-operation of the north and south? This action would, as nothing else, destroy that kindly co-operation.

"This is the question in the economy of our government life which cannot be local. Its settlement concerns all the country, north and south alike. The south more immediately and acutely. It is true, but equally in its far-reaching consequences it touches all the people. It should not be left to the south to work it out alone and unaided.

Momentous Subject of the Day.

"With all my soul I plead that with us no narrow spirit of sufficiency or suspicion of untoward interference on the part of the north should prevent the intertwining of our lives and our energies in the unraveling of the complexities of a situation which more vitally affects modern civilization than any question of the present day.

"Then, sir, let us approach this supreme question of our civil life with hearts touching and arms about each other and strengthened by a conservative union of purpose and interest, and we will, as conquerors, ascend those imperial heights of self-abnegation, patriotism and true statesmanship, where amidst the blooming of sweet flowers of love and perfect trust we will contemplate a happy people undivided by internecine conflict and unshaken by sectional difference. Yea, we will not approach this question with broken bodies clothed with the blue and the gray and over fields strewn with the ruck of a despairing civilization, tinged with the dun colors of sectional conflict and difference, but rather as brothers whose endeavor is illumined by the golden sunlight encompassing the rich cities, the fields abounding with fertility, the advancing commerce and civil glory of a united people."

FOUR TIMES

Has Bill to Pay the Wilson Heirs for Services Rendered by Their Ancestor, Been Before Congress—Passes the Senate.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The bill which recently passed the senate, and which is pending in the house, to pay to Rachel Wilson the sum of \$2,998 80, as the accumulation of pay due her father, Colonel Benjamin Wilson, for services rendered in the revolutionary period, has been four times before Congress. It was first introduced in the Thirty-fourth Congress, then in the Thirty-fifth, next in the Thirty-sixth and last in the present Congress. Each time it has been favorably reported—three times to the house.

The last report, made to the senate, is as follows:

"The committee on Revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1894) for the relief of the heirs of Benjamin Wilson, deceased, and the petition of Rachel Wilson, his daughter, having examined the same, report as follows:

"The bill is the same as one reported favorably in the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, and Thirty-sixth Congresses, and is a bill to pay the heirs in general of Colonel Benjamin Wilson, a Revolutionary soldier, for services as an officer of Virginia militia, called into Federal service under an order of April 13, 1790, in protecting the frontier against the Indians.

"The petition of Rachel Wilson, his daughter, asks to have this money paid to herself, instead of to the heirs generally, and as Colonel Wilson had twenty-nine children, and his heirs or distributees are very numerous, so that the small amount claimed, \$2,998 80, would, if divided among them, be of no benefit to anyone, and as, moreover, three grandsons (Colonel Benjamin Wilson, of Clarksburg, W. Va., formerly a representative in Congress; Hon. B. Wilson Smith, of Indianapolis, and Hon. Gideon C. Wilson, of Cincinnati, Ohio), make affidavits that the family desire that the money shall go to Rachel Wilson, your committee recommend that the payment be so made, instead of to the family in general.

Man of Great Prominence.

"Colonel Benjamin Wilson was evidently a man of great prominence and value on the frontier. He was a member of the convention of Virginia which ratified the constitution of the United States in 1788, and several times a member of the general assembly of Virginia. About the beginning of the Revolutionary war he removed from the Valley of Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountains, to a point near the present city of Elkins, now in Randolph county, West Virginia, where he constructed a fort for the protection of settlers against Indian incursions, and from that time on, on what was then the extreme western frontier, he served his country in the most dangerous and trying and useful way.

"As the particular services for which pay is now asked by his surviving daughter, who, as your committee learns, is impecunious and bedridden, is fully explained in the three reports referred to, made prior to the civil war, your committee append and make part of this report the earliest of those three. The others are house report No. 279, Thirty-fifth Congress, first session, and house report No. 78, Thirty-sixth Congress, first session, made in the year 1860, just prior to the great war which suspended all interest in matters of this kind.

"The amount now recommended is the same as then recommended, for the same period of service in 1791 and 1792, and has been calculated by direction of the paymaster general of the army in the manner recommended by these old committees. The only change now recommended is the payment to the surviving daughter, Rachel Wilson, instead of scattering the money among several hundred descendants of this Revolutionary character."

"The bill as adopted, orders 'that the secretary of the treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Mrs. Rachel Wilson, of Harrison County, West Virginia, the sum of \$2,998 80, being compensation for services rendered to the United States by her father, Colonel Benjamin Wilson, in protecting the frontier from the Indians from August 10, 1790, to December 2, 1792.'

Representative Doyner has charge of the bill in the house.

Endorse the Administration.

CUMBERLAND, Md., May 8.—At the Sixth district Republican congressional convention, which met here to-day, after the adoption of resolutions commending the administration of President McKinley, Hon. George A. Pearce was re-nominated for Congress by acclamation. W. C. Winchennor and Thomas C. Noyes were chosen district delegates to the Philadelphia national convention.

To Bring Railroads to Time.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Senator Elkins to-day introduced a bill amending the inter-state commerce acts so as to require the commission to report to Congress annually on the number of complaints made against railroads, the cases of unjust discrimination and of exorbitant rates, the appeals to the court and the final determination of the several cases.

English Attacked by Chinese.

LONDON, May 8.—A war office dispatch confirming the Chinese attack on Wei-Hai-Wei adds: "On May 5 Captain Watson and sixty men of the Chinese battalion were attacked by 3,000 Chinese. The latter were repulsed with no casualties to the British force."

To Pension Mrs. Lawton.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A bill giving the widow of the late Major General Henry W. Lawton a pension of \$50 a month was to-day favorably reported to the senate from the committee on pensions.

Wachter Re-Nominated.

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